

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

## Un-Approved Minutes of the December 14, 2008 Congregational Meeting

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**Call to order** by G.K. Rowe, President, at 4:10 PM

**Chalice Lighting and Reading** by Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden

**Introduction of Parliamentarian, Guy Loftman, and agenda adopted** -- G.K. Rowe

**[Motion: allow the Board of Directors to approve minutes from this meeting at a future board meeting](#)**

Moved by Jan Skinner, second by David Cox

Vote: approved unanimously

### **[Reports](#)**

#### **[Board of Directors, Governance Review](#)**

G.K. Rowe introduced the new Board of Directors:

President G. K. Rowe, Vice-president Andrea Murray, Treasurer John Lawson, Secretary Chris Haynes, and at-large members David Cox, Amy Taylor (Program Team Liaison), and Shari Woodbury.

Shari Woodbury provided the attached general remarks on policy governance, which is being adopted by Board.

Amy Taylor introduced the Program Team: Patty Callison, Diane Gregory, Kevin Woodruff, Jackie Hall, Mark Burton, and John Woodcock. The Program Team's primary responsibilities are calendaring, communication, and coordinating the work of the church's 44 taskforces and committees.

### Treasurer's Report

Revenues are tracking at average levels and expenditures are slightly below average. There is currently a \$29K surplus.

### Minister's Reports

We are very lucky to be working with the staff we have.

Church Administrator, Carol Marks, has done an amazing job adapting to church growth over the years. Director of Religious Education, Cindy Port, and Rev. Emily Leite, are doing exceptional education ministry. Susan Swaney, Director of Music, continues to bring a diverse range of high quality music to our worship (as evidenced once again today)-- including our Children's Choir directed by Jill Courtney. Of course, pianist Sally Todd is a gem. Susan Blake continues to lead a thriving campus ministry. And the rest of our staff continues with quality work.

We have been designated as one of the four Breakthrough Congregations to be recognized at the 2009 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly. This is a distinct honor. We will be preparing a fifteen minute video and workshop for the General Assembly. We have been awarded a Chalice Lighter grant, thanks to a proposal by Shari Woodbury and others. The exact amount to be received is not known yet.

Reverend Bill Breeden will be on sabbatical next year for August through mid-December. Kudos to all of those who have been working hard on our new church database. The Appreciative Inquiry team culminated this year with two Advances (not retreats) and will continue its visioning process.

Our numerous Social Justice Taskforces are contributing exceptionally to the community. Our Elder Focus Task Force, an arm of the Caring Committee, began this autumn. Survey collection will continue through January.

The bottom line: we love this congregation through all of our shared joys and sorrows, clarities and confusions, struggles and triumphs. Thanks for entrusting us with this ministry.

-- Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden

### Special Purposes Fund

See attached presentation by Deb Hutton.

### **Shaping Our Future Together**

See attached presentation by Bob Gonyea.

### **Green Spaces Initiative**

See attached presentation by Cindy Port

### **Denominational Affairs**

Iris Kisling reported that funds are available to help support a full delegation of nine individuals, in addition to our ministers, at this summer's General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **Quorum report**

Chris Haynes, Secretary, reported 64 members in attendance, with 43 required for a quorum.

## **UUA Commission on Social Witness, Statement of Conscience**

David Keppel presented the "Peacemaking: A Draft Unitarian Universalist Statement of Conscience," November 2008, of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Commission on Social Witness [attached] and a "Proposed Congregational Response" [attached] endorsed by the Just Peace Task Force and recommended for congregational approval. Such approval is necessary for the comment to be considered by the Commission on Social Witness.

## **Motion: Advance the Statement of Conscience to the final agenda**

Moved by David Keppel, second by Carol Marks

Vote to advance the Statement of Conscience to the final agenda of the 2009 UUA General Assembly. Furthermore, our vote will mean that if we approve part 1 and part 2 of the Proposed Congregational Response that our yes vote to this motion will include those parts as a stipulation and if we do not approve part 1 and part 2 this yes vote will be shorn of that stipulation.

Claire Robertson offered an amendment that support for the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) be added to Part 2. David Keppel and Carol Marks accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Vote: all in favor, save abstentions by Deb Hutton and David Emmert

## **Motion: Endorse Part 1 of the Proposed Congregational Response**

Moved by David Keppel, second by Sally Todd

Vote: approved unanimously

## **Motion: Endorse Part 2 of the Proposed Congregational Response**

Moved by David Keppel, second by Carol Marks

Vote: all in favor, save seven abstentions

## **Motion: to adjourn**

Moved by Steve Dillon, second by Will Watt.

Vote: approved unanimously

**The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM**